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Hon. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Mobile Telecommunication Technologies Corp.
Petition for Rulemaking to Amend Rule Section 22.521
to include Springfield, Oregon in the Table of
Assignments for Air-Ground Stations in the PLMS

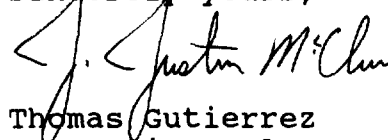
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Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of Mobile Telecommunication Technologies Corp.,
please find enclosed for filing an original and four (4) copies of
its above referenced Petition for Rulemaking.

Should any questions arise with respect to this matter, please
contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas Gutierrez
J. Justin McClure

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**Amendment of Section 22.521(b) of
the Commission's Rules to include
Springfield, Oregon, in the table of
assignments for air-ground stations
in the Public Land Mobile Service**

RM No.

^{1/} This service is distinct and separate from the nationwide 800 MHz air-ground service available on commercial flights.

the base frequencies to specific geographic locations. That subsection requires that base stations operating on these frequencies be within 25 miles of the coordinates of the location specified.

Springfield is not among the locations listed in Section 22.521(b), nor is it within 25 miles of any of the locations so specified. As a result, air-ground service is not presently available in this community. Yet, as set forth below, there is a true need for such service and the service can be provided without risking interference to presently authorized facilities, and without otherwise being inconsistent with the Commission's rules.

II. The Need For Service

Springfield is located adjacent to the Eugene, Oregon metropolitan area and the combined 1990 population for Springfield and Eugene was 157,352. It is a center of commercial activity as well as the location of significant general aviation activity. Springfield/Eugene is the major metropolitan area connecting Portland, Oregon and points north with San Francisco, California, and points south. Thus, this community is a center of commerce, as well as being located on a primary flight route separating other hub cities on the west coast.

III. Proposed Amendment

Notwithstanding the clear need for service, there are no authorized air-ground stations within 55 miles of Springfield. In order to cure this shortcoming, Mtel proposes that Section

22.521(b) be amended to add the following:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Channel</u>
Oregon	
Springfield	10

This amendment would allow an air-ground station to be operated, after proper authorization, on the working frequency of 454.875 MHz (Channel 10) and 454.675 (the nationwide signalling channel) within 25 miles of Springfield.

Petitioner has selected Channel 10 for the proposed amendment to afford maximum co-channel separation from all other air-ground stations allocated by Section 22.521(b). Significantly, there are no co-channel facilities within 500 miles of Springfield. This degree of separation has already been found to be more than sufficient to warrant allocation of additional air-ground facilities.^{2/} Modification of the Table of Assignments as set forth herein would also be consistent with other Commission action where it has held that there is a need for quality air-ground communications in cities not currently being served. See, e.g., Air-Ground Radiotelephone Service (Table of Assignments), 6 FCC Rcd 1863 (1991), where the Commission allocated spectrum for air ground service in Fort Myers, Florida; Wilmington, North Carolina; and Columbia, Missouri.

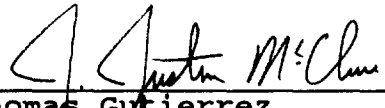
^{2/} See, e.g., Report and Order allocating spectrum for air-ground service in Mobile, Alabama in Docket No. 84-1295, 50 FR 23125 (effective July 1, 1985).

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, Mtel submits that revision of the Commission's rules to allocate spectrum for air-ground at Springfield, Oregon would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. Accordingly, Mtel respectfully petitions the Commission to modify its rules in accordance with the proposal set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

**MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATION
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